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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/582,338                      Group Art Unit: 1797  
Filing Date: June 9, 2006                      Examiner: David C. Mellon  
Applicant: Toru IDE  
Title: ARTIFICIAL LIPID BILAYER MEMBRANE LIPID SUBSTITUTION  
METHOD, ARTIFICIAL LIPID BILAYER MEMBRANE OBTAINED  
BY USING LIPID SUBSTITUTION METHOD, ARTIFICIAL LIPID  
BILAYER MEMBRANE FORMATION DEVICE AND ION  
PERMEATION MEASURING DEVICE  
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November 10, 2009

**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated August 19, 2009, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants do not necessarily agree with any of the Examiner's characterizations of what the prior art does allegedly teach. Further, Applicants wish to emphasize that each claim should be limited solely by the limitations set forth therein and should not be limited, in any way, by Examiner's Statements regarding limitations not set forth

therein. Finally, Applicants note that it is each claim, taken as a whole, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements, which is allowable over the prior art of record.

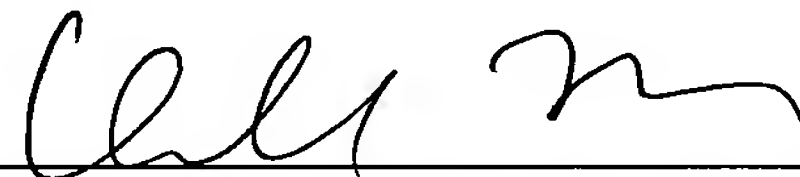
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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